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By Texas Legislature**Engineering program approved**

House Bill 2187, sponsored by Representative Ted Kamel and Senator Bill Ratliff, has been approved by the Texas Legislature. The bill provides a blueprint for the development of an engineering program on the UT Tyler campus and allows UT Tyler to "offer lower-division courses relating to that program if such courses are offered as part of a partnership agreement." Establishment of the engineering program is subject to approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Also, the bill allows UT Tyler to enter into a partnership agreement "with a private institution of higher education located in the same county." This provision includes Texas College.

The state appropriations bill, House Bill 1 which was approved May 25, designates \$1.5 million for starting the engineering program at UT Tyler. The need for an engineering school in the East Texas region was identified in a 1994 study commissioned by the 14 public colleges and universities in 36 Northeast Texas counties.

In addition, the new state appropriations bill includes \$267,000 in funding during the upcoming biennium for extension of UT Tyler's nursing program into Palestine. Funding for the nursing program extension was advocated in the legislature by Rep. Todd Staples of Palestine.



**GROUNDBREAKING** — Supporters of the Liberal Arts Complex participate in groundbreaking on the UT Tyler campus May 5. Shown from left to right are: Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Riter Jr., Dr. Jim Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. Maurine Muntz, President George F. Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spence, Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Fisch, Mrs. Frances Cowan, and Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite. (Photo by Michael Murray)



## Faculty awards announced

Faculty award recipients announced recently at the university include Dr. Shelly Marmion, the Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award; Dr. A. Richard Mitchell, finalist for the Chancellor's Council Award; and Dr. R. Michael Murphy, Minnie Stevens Piper Award nominee.

Marmion, associate professor of psychology, has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the university. She has served as a statistical and design consultant for government agencies and private consulting firms and as a project reviewer for the U.S. Department of Education.

A member of the UT Tyler faculty since 1987, she is coauthor of numerous books, professional journals and technical reports and has presented papers at national and regional conferences. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Southwestern Psychological Association, and is a former president of the East Texas Psychological Association.

Her university committee assignments have included the University Affairs Committee, Human Subjects Investigation Committee, and Academic Affairs Committee. She currently serves as chair of the Curriculum Committee for the School of Education and Psychology and as advisor to undergraduate psychology majors.

Mitchell, professor of mathematics, is coauthor of two texts, *Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics* and *Introduction to Abstract Algebra*, and has published a variety of scholarly articles.

He has served as reviewer for graduate and undergraduate textbooks, and for the Texas Academy of Science and Mathematical Reviews. Mitchell's professional memberships include the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, American Mathematical Society, and the Mathematical Association of America. He joined the UT Tyler faculty in 1986.

Murphy, associate professor of English, has been a member of the UT Tyler faculty since 1984. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in the Department of Humanities where he also serves as graduate advisor in English.

He was a Fulbright teaching fellow in the Middle East prior to coming to UT Tyler. His current projects include books in progress with James Pace, associate professor of art, in addition to a book on the Middle East.

## Tri Beta wins at convention

Members of UT Tyler's Tri Beta were award winners at the Southwest Regional Convention of Beta Beta Beta held April 7 - 8 at Lake Texoma. Senior biology major Bruce Suckling won first place for his scientific presentation, "Prey Polymorphisms in the Diet of the African House Snake." Tri Beta members also won second place for their scrapbook and second place overall for the Texas district.



## in the spotlight . . .

**Dr. Joyce Ballard**, professor of health and kinesiology, and Carol McFarland, a graduate of UT Tyler's M.S. degree program in kinesiology, presented a workshop at the national conference of The American Back Society recently in Los Angeles. The workshop, "All About Exercise," was awarded third place for all workshops at the conference based on evaluations by conference attendees.

**Dr. Gary Clendenen**, assistant professor of management and marketing, presented a paper, "The Effects of Labor Costs, Holding Costs, and Uncertainty in Demand on Inventory Policies," at the national conference of INFORMS in Los Angeles. The research was sponsored by a UT Tyler grant and is published in the conference proceedings. INFORMS is a society founded earlier this year based on the merging of the Operations Research Society of America and the Institute of Management Science.

**Dr. Ronald Livingston**, assistant professor of psychology, will make two presentations at the American Psychological Association annual convention in New York in August: "Psychostimulant Effects of Neuropsychological Measures for Children with ADHD," to be presented at a session sponsored by the Division of Clinical Neuropsychology, and "Behavioral Profiles Associated with Verbal/Performance IQ Discrepancies," to be presented at a session sponsored by the Division of School Psychology.

**Dr. James Schwane**, professor and chairman, Department of Health and Kinesiology, and Brenda Teague, a graduate of UT Tyler's M.S. degree program in clinical exercise physiology, have had a paper, "Effect of Intermittent Eccentric Contractions on Symptoms of Muscle Microinjury," accepted for publication in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*.

**Dr. Brenda Walling** and **Dr. Peggy Wolfe**, assistant professors of education, attended the Southwest Educational Research Association conference recently in Dallas. Based on research of legal cases involving religion in the public schools, Walling presented "Celebrating Religious Holidays in the Public Schools," and Wolfe presented "Distribution of Religious Materials to Students in Public Schools."



**INTERNATIONAL DAY** — Panel members Dr. Timothy Dolan, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Arun Kulkarni, associate professor of computer science; and Dr. Rosaline Olade, visiting associate professor of nursing, discuss international education during the university's recent International Day celebration. Also participating in the panel, not shown, were Dr. Marianthi Coroneou, assistant professor of English as a Second Language, and Dr. Olga Supek, senior lecturer in anthropology.

## McClendon collection opens in library

Tyler native Sarah McClendon's 50 - year career as a Washington journalist is represented in a collection of papers and visual materials now on exhibit in the Robert R. Muntz Library.

As a news correspondent covering Capitol Hill and the White House, McClendon collected numerous items of historical interest including speeches, newspaper clippings, correspondence, invitations, photographs and awards. These items were donated to UT Tyler in 1991.

The exhibit also features correspondence between McClendon and George Bush, Ronald Reagan and Lyndon Johnson, and photos from the Kennedy era. Included are a photo and polygraph test result of Lee Harvey Oswald and other items regarding the Kennedy assassination.

McClendon, who grew up in Tyler, began her news career as a reporter for the *Tyler Courier-Times* and the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*. Following service in the Women's Army Corps. during World War II, she worked as a Washington correspondent for the *Philadelphia Daily News* and started her own news service in 1946.

McClendon has covered the White House during the terms of 11 Presidents and continues to operate her Washington news service. A 1931 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, she is recipient of its Faculty-Alumni Award for Distinguished Service in Journalism.

### PERSONNEL UPDATE

#### New Employees

**David Warren**  
Library Assistant I  
LIB 210, ext. 7342  
Effective 4 - 26 - 95

**Joe Wood**  
Coordinator of Student Activities  
UC 111, ext. 7281  
Effective 5 - 1 - 95.

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